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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The reference BA listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 is cited in the Office Action mailed on January 22, 2008, issued in the proceeding of a corresponding Japanese patent application. A partial translation of the Office Action is enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the English translation of the Office Action from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

A full translation of the non-English language reference BA is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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